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SUBJ: CHIREP IN INTELSAT

REF (A) STATE 018237

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(C) CANBERRA 0332

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1. AS REQUESTED REF (A) EMBOFF MET JANUARY 30 WITH ROY PLATT, ECONOMIC POLICY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. PLATT IS WELL-INFORMED ON SUBJECT IN GENERAL, AND KNOW ABOUT OTHER EMBASSY APPROACHES (REF C) DURING PAST TWO WEEKS.

2. EMBOFF PRESENTED USG POSITION AS STATED REF (A) AND REQUESTED GOA ASSISTANCE TO ORK OUT CONTINUING NATIONALIST CHINESE ACCESS TO INTELSAT. EMBOFF STRESSED ECONOMIC VALUE OF SUCH ACCESS TO ROC AND
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TO ROC'S TRADING PARTNERS INCLUDING AUSTRALIA.

PLATT EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR USG POSITION AND INDICATED HE WOULD BRING IT TO ATTENTION OF AUSTRALIAN MEMBERS OF DELEGATION. WHEN ASKED IF DFA WOULD INSTRUCT AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TO SUPPORT CONTINUED ACCESS TO ROC TO INTEL SAT, PLATT REPLIED HE DID NOT THINK SO. HE STATED DELEGATION WOULD PROBABLY BE INSTRUCTED TO REFER SUBJECT TO CANBERRA IF AND WHEN

IT IS MENTIONED IN COURSE OF MEETING.

3. PLATT EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT THAT PRC OPPOSES CONTINUED ACCESS OF ROC TO INTEL SAT. PLATT REFERRED TO LETTER FROM CANADIAN DIRECTOR OF OTC OF JUNE, 1973, IN WHICH IT IS STATED PRC DOES NOT SEEM OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT CONTINUED ROC ACCESS TO INTEL SAT. WHEN EMBOFF POINTED OUT THIS INFO SOMEWHAT DATED, PLATT REPLIED THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER INSTANCES IN RECENT PAST WHICH INDICATE PRC TAKING ACCOMMODATING VIEW WITH REGARD TO ROC INTERESTS. HE CITED RECENT UNDERSTANDING THAT ROC AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS TO JAPAN HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY PRC AS OF BENEFIT IN INTERNATIONAL SENSE.

4.COMMENT: DFA OBVIOUSLY WISHES TO PLAY ROC ACCESS TO INTEL SAT AND AD REFERENDUM BASIS POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF SOME UNCERTAINTY AS TO HOW AUSTRALIAN MINISTRY, INCLUDING THE PM, WOULD VIEW THE MATTER. THIS POSITION IS REINFORCED BY DFA' DOUBT THAT ROC ACCESS WILL BE OPPOSED BY PRC. END COMMENT.
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